(c) the loss suffered due to the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten officers of ONGC were kidnapped in North–East India, out of whom five officers have been released and the remaining three are reported to have been released. However, one officer is yet to establish contact consequent on his release. Two officers were killed.

(c) From 9.9.1991 till normalisation of operations, ONGC suffered loss of production equivalent to Rs. 90.22 crores (excluding levies).

Flood Banks in Andhra Pradesh

4672. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for strengthening the flood banks in Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) to (c). In November, 199, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had informed Central Water Commission that they have a proposal to raise the existing flood banks of the Godavari river downstream fo Sir Arthur Cotton barrage as per the norms laid down by Central Water Commission in a phased manner in the coming 4 years. The detailed project report has not been received at the Centre for technology economic appraisal.

[*Translation*]

Vehicles at the Disposal of Indian Embassies

4673. SHRI RAM NARIN BERWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles at the disposal of Indian Embassies and High Commissions abroad; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on their maintenance during the last three years, year–wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Setting up of Oil Refineries with the Help of Non–Resident Indians

4674. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up some oil Refineries in the country with the help of Non–Resident Indians;

(b) if so, the number of such Oil Refineries proposed to be set up; and

(c) the places where such Oil Refineries are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). No decision